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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Bown:

On April 24, 2007 and May 10, 2007, inspections were conducted on the Lynn Springs Quarry, T.14N., R.16W., Section 29, Raft River Division, Utah.

The inspectors found that two trackhoes (Bucyrus-Erie, Kato) at the North Quarry appeared to be inoperable. A newer Caterpillar 345C appeared to have been recently brought on to the site to replace the inoperable equipment. The Bucyrus-Erie 325 appeared to have been parked and abandoned at the north end of the North Quarry. The cab of the trackhoe appeared to have had vegetative debris accumulate on the floor of the cab which was open to the elements. The Kato HD1220SE trackhoe was found at the south end of the North Quarry and appeared inoperable and was leaking oil onto the ground beneath it creating a large area of petroleum contamination. Since these two trackhoes are in disrepair and appear inoperable, and in the case of the Kato, are leaking oil onto the ground, they need to be removed from the site within 30 days to prevent further environmental problems. Areas of soil contamination underneath these trackhoes also need to be cleaned up.

The inspectors found that the unauthorized camp area of 2005 had been cleaned up and the junked pickup noted in our letter of September 19, 2006 had been removed from the site.

The inspectors noted that disturbance at the North Quarry appeared to be confined to within previously disturbed areas. Safety flagging was noted above vertical faces within the quarry area. Several areas of thistle infestation were noted on the North Quarry. These areas need to be controlled as soon as possible with an herbicide such as Tordon. If you need further information on noxious weed control, please contact Lucas Phillips or Kevin Parker, Range Specialists, at this office. An open 5 gallon bucket half-filled with oil was also found at the North Quarry and needs to be removed and disposed of as quickly as possible.

The work area appeared fairly neat and tidy, though it continues to expand outward with the addition of waste rock to the existing piles along the work area perimeter. In 2001 the work area was measured by GPS at 0.66 acres and in 2006 at 1.34 acres.

When the plan of operations was approved by the Forest Service on August 12, 1999, one of the conditions of our permit was that "Operations will be limited to presently open or disturbed areas (roads, process areas and quarries). New areas may be approved in the future as proposals for

new operations are submitted." Because your operations at the work area have slowly expanded into undisturbed areas which are not authorized, you will need to submit a modification to the existing plan of operations for this new disturbance and additional acreage you anticipate to disturb at this or other locations. We are asking that you submit this modification within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to meet on site to discuss.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist, at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

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